

In recognition of "ODD FELLOWS of GEORGIA"

WHEREAS, the Odd Fellows began in England in the late 1700's as an outgrowth of the "Friendly Societies" that were formed to provide assistance to members during the terrible days when there was no Social Security, Medicaid, and unemployment insurance; and

WHEREAS, the logo is three links and the letters FLT in the center of each link. The letters stand for Friendship, Love, and Truth; which are the basic guides to the ultimate destiny of all mankind. Odd Fellows is a non-sectarian organization that does not discriminate among race, creed, or religion; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Georgia was chartered in 1843 and Washington Lodge 7 was chartered in August of 1844 and has been in constant operation since that date. It is among the oldest lodges in the state and has contributed much to Augusta over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2002 to be "ODD FELLOWS DAY" and urge all citizens to observe and recognize this day.

In witness thereof, I have unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 21st day of April 2002.